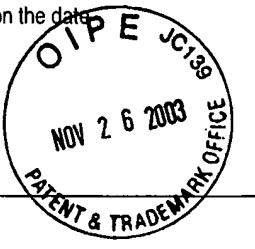


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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2003. Accordingly, this amendment is timely submitted.